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The month witnessed a varied set of contacts between private and official American missions: U.S. educational experts held fruitful meetings with the founding committee of the new Jidda University; a U.S. Trade Mission visited the Kingdom for the first time and generated a great deal of interest; and the inter-departmental U.S. Military Information Control Committee carried out an overall review of the Saudi Government's security system preparatory to delivery of the Hawk missile system to Saudi Arabia.

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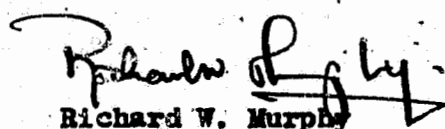
III. SAUDI-U.S. RELATIONS

As noted in section I U.S. diplomatic efforts during the month were focussed on encouraging continuance of the Faisal-Nasser dialogue for resolution of the Yemen problem. The month witnessed in addition an unusually varied series of contacts between Saudi Arabia and the U.S. in the educational, commercial and military fields. The participation of Dr. Francis Horn, President of the University of Rhode Island, Dr. William Voris from Arizona University, and briefly, of Dr. John Badeau, who met to advise the Abd al-Aziz University Founding Committee in Jidda, received extensive and favorable publicity. Dr. Horn expressed the view at the end of three weeks of discussion with the Founding Committee that there had been substantial progress in planning for the future of the new university.

A U.S. Trade Mission - the first ever to visit the Kingdom - spent February 9-19 in Jidda, February 20-25 in Riyadh and February 26-March 1 in Dammam before proceeding to Bahrain and the Trucial States. The Mission generated a great amount of interest in the Jidda and Riyadh communities where its members had a total of 113 formal interviews as well as many informal contacts with businessmen and officials. Press, radio and TV coverage of the visit far surpassed any recent similar event.

The U.S. Military Information Control Committee (USMICC) Team spent nearly three weeks in the Kingdom evaluating the Saudi security system and developing recommendations for strengthening it. The survey was required prior to the delivery to Saudi Arabia of the Hawk missile system with its highly classified components. The team received the full cooperation of the Ministry of Defense.

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